

## \$3,000,000 HOSPITAL FOR SOLDIERS IS URGED

## U. S. Would Lease It From New York—Ill-Treatment Charges Heard

Authorization for the federal government to lease a three-million-dollar hospital to be erected by the state government in New York for soldier patients was recommended to Congress yesterday by the House committee on public buildings and grounds.

This action was taken after the committee, headed by Representative John W. Langley of Kentucky, had heard charges of ill treatment and improper housing of disabled ex-soldiers.

Under the bill as approved the government would pay the state an annual sum of \$100,000 to defray the cost of construction. Estimates were submitted showing that the annual cost of the bill would be \$3,000,000 in the ten-year lease period specified in the bill.

The bill was referred to the legislative committee of the American Legion, who appeared before the committee and stated that the bill would enable service men in state and county institutions, charged that New York state would be required to pay \$250,000 a year on 800 totally disabled men farmed out to its state institutions by the federal government.

"The bill is a very good one," Rags said, is willing, however, to forego this \$300,000 annually through burial of the dead.

Cook county, Ill., was pointed to as the witness as another instance of the failure of the present system of the national government. Disabled veterans, he said, were being housed in state institutions in Cook county at an expense to the government of from \$2.50 to \$5.00 a day, while the cost of the institutions was only \$1 a day.

In the southwestern states, Mr. Rags said, the government was providing accommodations for disabled

ex-soldiers, and the American Legion posts had appealed to the governor to erect temporary buildings. He asked that all ex-soldiers be placed in federal hospitals.


public health service said reports of similar nature had reached him.

**COMMITTEE IS NAMED.**

**Chamber of Commerce Picks Members on Immigration.**

The Chamber of Commerce of the United States has appointed a committee to study the immigration problem.

The committee, composed of the following men: John W. O'Leary, vice president of the Chicago Trust Company; Joseph J. O'Connell, president, General Electric Company, New York; Wallace M. Alexander, president, Western Union, New York; Henry Bruere, vice president, American Metal Company, New York; J. D. Dwyer, president, Babbler, Baller and Pierce Manufacturing Corporation, New York; Harry A. Gans, president, American Telephone and Telegraph, New York; Williamstown, Mass.: B. F. McLeod, president, the B. F. McLeod Shoe Company, Portland, Me.; J. C. Nagel, former secretary of Commerce and Labor, St. Louis; Francis W. Shedd, director, Department of Registration and Education, Springfield, Ill.; A. T. Van Scoy, vice president, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, America, Milwaukee; and George M. Garity, president, American Rolling Mill Company, Middletown, Ohio.



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